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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5232
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
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SUBJ: MOROCCAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO SIGN FISHING
AGREEMENT IN MOSCOW
REF: RABAT 1556

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT MOROCCAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY ABDELKAMEL RERHRHAYE IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART
RABAT FOR MOSCOW APRIL 25 TO SIGN FISHING AGREEMENT WITH
SOVIETS. THE ACCORD WILL REPORTEDLY USE FORMULATION
QUOTE WATERS UNDER MOROCCAN SOVEREIGNTY UNQUOTE TO DEFINE
FISHING GROUNDS COVERED BY AGREEMENT. WHILE MOROCCANS
SEEM VERY PLEASED BY ABOVE LANGUAGE, WHICH THEY CAN BE
EXPECTED TO INTERPRET AS TACIT SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF GOM
SOVEREIGNTY IN SAHARA, THIS FORMULATION IS PROBABLY
BROAD ENOUGH TO ALLOW THE USSR A MUCH MORE LIMITED
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INTERPRETATION WITH WHICH IT CAN PACIFY ALGERIA. MFA
HERE MAINTAINS, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS ARE NOT SERIOUSLY
CONCERNED WITH ALGERIAN REACTION.

2. AS SOVIETS ARE ALREADY FISHING IN MOROCCAN WATERS,
IT IS IN GOM'S OBVIOUS INTEREST TO REGULARIZE THIS
SITUATION AND OBTAIN WHATEVER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL

ADVANTAGES IT CAN. PRACTICAL RESULTS OF AGREEMENT, ONCE
SIGNED, WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO MATERIALIZE. FIRST PHASE
OF AGREEMENT CALLS FOR SOVIETS TO UNDERTAKE
MARINE LIFE STUDY OF MOROCCAN WATERS TO JUDGE FISHING
POTENTIAL. ONLY AFTER SUCH A STUDY IS COMPLETED ARE
SIGNIFICANT VENTURES LIKELY TO BE REALIZED.
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